

**Snowshoe Mine Site  
2006 Road Improvement Project  
Pre-Bid Conference/Site Tour Minutes**

The Pre-Bid Conference for the Snowshoe Mine Site, 2006 Road Improvement Project was held on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the project site. All persons in attendance were requested to fill out the attendance sheet (see Attachment A). John Koerth with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality / Mine Waste Cleanup Bureau (DEQ/MWCB) began the conference by introducing himself and other representatives involved with the design and administration of the project, including:

**Montana DEQ/MWCB**

John Koerth

**U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**

Neal Kerzman

Scott Swartz

**Pioneer Technical Services, Inc. (Pioneer)**

Shawn Bisch (Project Engineer)

Rich Keeland (Engineer/Inspector)

The following bullet points were issues and questions discussed during the Pre-Bid Conference:

- Road improvement work under this project will begin at the existing gate entrance to the repository road. Station 0+00 will correspond with the location of the gate.
- Merchantable timber must be decked at the repository clear cut; unmerchantable timber and construction slash may be sidecast on the downslope side of the roadway.
- Silt fence shall be placed near the inlet and outlet of the existing culvert on the roadway. Other areas may be subject to installation of silt fence or straw bales as determined in the field during construction.
- All heavy equipment (dozer, excavator, etc.) used on the project shall be washed down (to eliminate weed seeds) and inspected by the USFS and DEQ prior to mobilization to the site. Equipment cannot be mobilized to the site until approval is obtained. Light duty vehicles and dump trucks are exempt from this requirement.
- The source of water used for dust control on the project is at the discretion of the Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws

regarding water rights for the proposed water source. Weather conditions will dictate the need for water for dust control on the project. It is possible that no water may be required if weather conditions are generally wet. If no water is used on the project, the Contractor will not be compensated under Bid Item 3.0 (Provide Water).

- Although not specifically addressed in the Invitation For Bid, allowances will be made for weather delays as agreed to by the Contractor and DEQ.
- Excess soil currently windrowed on either side of the roadway can be incorporated back within the road alignment or generally re-graded along the side of the roadway as long as the excess soil does not interfere with proper drainage of the roadway.
- The road improvement work shall terminate in close proximity to the monitoring well located near the west boundary of the repository clear cut. The Contractor may construct a truck turn-around pad in this area as deemed necessary. No additional compensation will be made for construction of a turn-around pad within the repository clear cut.
- Contractor who is awarded the contract must submit a Traffic Control Plan indicating locations and types of signage, etc.
- In general, the plans indicate sections of the roadway that shall be insloped, outsloped, or crowned. Field conditions may dictate that the road be sloped in a different manner than indicated on the plans. Alternate sloping (from what is indicated on the plans) is acceptable pending approval from DEQ's on-site representative.
- The project specifications and Drawing #4 indicate that water bars (where required) shall be spaced at 300 ft. intervals; conversely, Drawing #7 indicates that water bars shall be spaced at 200 ft. intervals. The correct spacing for water bars is 200 ft.
- Three ground water monitoring wells are located within the repository clear cut. If the monitoring wells are damaged by the Contractor's activities, the Contractor will be responsible for repairing the wells at Contractor's expense.
- Bids are due by close of business on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, and must be mailed to the DEQ Bid Box as opposed to the main DEQ Post Office Box. The correct mailing address is as follows:

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Attn: Autumn Coleman  
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Helena, MT 59604-6969